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REMARKS:

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For your review

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Reply ASAP

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Please comment

Mr. Ashcroft,

Please consider my letter regarding the Microsoft settlement.

Thanks,

Robert Burns

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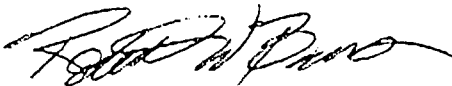
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support of the Microsoft settlement. The settlement that was reached constitutes significant compromise from the Microsoft Corporation. After three years of court mediation, continuing the federal case against Microsoft still further would serve only to waste necessary federal resources. Hence, I urge the Justice Department to enact the settlement at the end of January.

Microsoft settled on generous terms for its competitors and for the public. It will now agree to disclose protocols and internal interfaces of the Windows system. This will allow competing companies to design both hardware and software that is more fully Windows-compatible. Additionally, with an upcoming revision of Windows XP, users will be able to more easily reconfigure their desktops, including the ability to remove access to Microsoft applications and features.

These changes will clearly benefit consumers and developers. I believe that Microsoft has been generous throughout this mediation process and further that the settlement agreement is just. Please finalize the settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W Burns", written in a cursive style.

Robert W Burns